

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 29, 1878—10:30 a. m.—For the Middle Atlantic States clear or partly cloudy weather, followed by increasing cloudiness, cold northerly winds, veering to warmer southeasterly winds, and rising followed by stationary or falling barometer.

THE ALEXANDRIA SCHOOLS.—The Washington Post of this morning says:—"The public school of the neighboring city of Alexandria owes their prosperity and general success to the encouragement of the causes of education in General Washington's endowment of \$2,000 to the orphan school in 1785.

"On the subject of schools, General Washington avowed his advanced ideas in these words:—"It has long been my intention to invest at my death £1,000 current money of this State in the hands of trustees, the interest to be applied in instituting a school in the town of Alexandria for the purpose of educating orphan children, or children of such indigent parents as are unable to give it."

"In these simple words breathe the same far reaching wisdom and philanthropy which characterized his Country displayed in the emancipation of his slaves; and it is not the least feature of his towering greatness that he thus showed a sublime disregard of prejudices accented at that period in politics and society.

"The latter, dated December 17, 1785, relating to the subject, was unearthed yesterday by a Post reporter among the papers of the school trustees. In it he also states that "it is not in my power at this time to advance this sum."

He, however, paid the interest on the proposed endowment, and personally took the greatest interest in the success of the school.

"At his death the endowment fund was paid into the hands of the trustees, and continued to maintain the institution until 1830, when it was lost by the failure of the Bank of Alexandria; and from that time the city maintained the institution until it was merged in the general school system.

The number and prosperity of the schools at present in the city, and the proportion of children educated, indicate a higher standard than in any other part of the Old Dominion, and it would seem that the great spirit of the founder of the common school there still animates the enterprise."

CHARLOTTESVILLE AND RAPIDAN RAIL ROAD CO.—A meeting of the directors of the C. & R. R. Co. was held in this city to day, Col. T. M. Waller, of Orange, the chair and Mr. Alfred Earnshaw, of Philadelphia, secretary.

Maj. R. F. Mason reported that the authorities of the Virginia Midland Road had agreed to call a meeting of their stockholders to negotiate a lease of the line proposed to be built as soon as a preliminary contract for construction was signed.

Mr. Earnshaw reported from the Executive Committee, that they had received informal bids from several contractors, and that so soon as the right of way could be acquired and subscriptions to the amount of \$80,000 made, the contract could be signed and work commenced at once. They further recommend that active steps be taken for acquiring the right of way and subscriptions, as the contractors wish to commence work as early as possible.

The names of A. J. Parish and R. T. W. Duke were added to the committee to confer with the residents along the proposed road.

It was resolved to hold a meeting of the stockholders in this city, on March 6th, to consider an amendment to the charter, to agree upon the terms of a lease with the Midland road and for other business.

Hon. R. T. W. Duke, of Charlottesville, was elected a director of the road. The meeting then adjourned.

EXCITING FOX CHASE NEAR ALEXANDRIA.—Such events in this section recall the happy days of our forefathers. Messrs. J. Triplett and W. D. Cross of Centerville came to Mr. F. F. Triplett to have a hunt. At early dawn the morn of the 26th, they mounted their active steeds (with a number of dogs) started in the direction of Wm. B. Daingerfield's, near there struck a trail, jumped at Froebel's one and a half miles, doubled first three miles; then a stretch back to Daingerfield's farm; doubled around it four miles, stretched to Little River Turn Pike near the Geological Survey; returned through the farm of Gibson, Triplett, Humphrey's to Hayfield, doubled back the same track to Humphrey's (where he had a horse and carriage) then to the sudden appearance of the dogs there in their night clothes) through Triplett's, Daingerfield's, Colard's, Pulaski's to Cameron Road, up Simon's to Bun Johnston's; then to the V. M. R. R.; then back to Wm. Duke's, where he was caught in a quarter, a quarter mile from where he was jumped. When the anxious hunters arrived at Duke's he had been taken home, thinking it was a deer and that they would have a fast exciting holiday. The chase was led by Cross's famous spotted hounds.

The W. & O. R. R.—The Washington Post of this morning publishes the following and relative to the rumored purchase of the W. & O. R. R. mentioned in yesterday's Gazette:—"The Editor of the Post:

A paragraph in your paper, under the title of "Suburban News," makes mention of negotiations for the purchase of the Washington and Ohio Railroad, contemplating an abandonment of its present terminus at Washington, and the extension of the line to the fact that any such arrangement in view, the fact that Alexandria, Va. was to be abandoned for terminal facilities would unquestionably evidence such a want of good judgment on my part as to preclude the possibility of making such a negotiation. Do me the justice, therefore, to correct the impression created, and be assured of my willingness to "reveal the inside workings of the affair" at any time I may become engaged with the enterprise in question. Respectfully, O. A. STEVENS.

AMUSEMENTS.—The hop of the L. O. Societies, at Harmonie Hall last night, was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the season. The company was select, being composed of the members of the club and a few invited guests. The hope was designed to celebrate the birthday of Mr. T. Edward Grimes, the president of the club. The dancing commenced at about half past nine o'clock, and was kept up until nearly daylight this morning.

To night Philip Phillips, "The Singing Pilgrim" will give an evening of sacred song, at the M. E. Church, the proceeds to be applied to the aid of the Church funds.

On Friday night, Mr. John T. Ford's company from the Opera House, Washington, will give an entertainment at Sarepta Hall. The company is a first class one, and a fine performance may be expected.

COUNTY COURT.—Judge Sangster presiding. —Marney vs Walker; detinue; judgment by consent.

In the matter of the Washington, Cincinnati and St. Louis Railroad, on a motion to appoint commissioners to ascertain compensation for lands proposed to be taken; Thomas H. Syphard, Geo. R. Adams, A. P. Douglass, and G. Vandeburg, were appointed commissioners.

Wm. T. Burrows was appointed Registrar for Arlington District.

John C. Bagot vs John Wilson; unlawful detainer; not guilty; jury and verdict for plaintiff.

PERSONAL.—The Richmond Sunday Transcript has the following among its "personals." Mr. Robert Porter, whose enterprise and public spirit has made him a valued citizen of Alexandria for years past, was in the city of the late Legislature on a Convention of the State Law Advers Association.

Hon. Lewis McKee was in the city Friday, on business connected with the Washington and Ohio R. R., of which corporation he is president and receiver.

RIVER NOTES.—The steamer Lady of the Lake was detained at her wharf here about four hours, yesterday, by an accident to a part of her machinery. The damage was repaired, however, and she proceeded on her way about half-past seven o'clock last night.

While the steamer John W. Thompson is being repaired, the Lady of the Lake will make most of the river landings of that steamer, when there are passengers to land.

The U. S. steamer Fortune, which towed the school ship Saratoga to this morning, for Norfolk.

LIQUOR DEALERS.—A meeting of the Liquor Dealers was held at Harmonie Hall, last night, with E. E. Downham in the chair and Lewis Kraft, secretary.

Mr. John Lyndon, the delegate to the late caucus, in Richmond, presented his report, the substance of which has already been published in the Gazette.

There was an interchange of views, of a private nature, among the members, and a committee was appointed to prepare a plan for a permanent organization of the liquor dealers of the city.

SALE OF THE VIRGINIA TELEGRAPH LINE.—Green & Wise, auctioneers, sold to day for Chas. R. Hooff, trustee, the Virginia Telegraph Line, running from Washington to Staunton, and from Alexandria to Clark's Gap, in Loudoun county, about 200 miles of line, with all the rights, franchises, franchises, &c., to Mr. Robert Beverly, for \$5,100.

THE AGRICULTURAL FAIR.—There will be a meeting of all those who have subscribed to the proposed Agricultural Fair, or who desire to do so, at the Council Chamber to night, at eight o'clock. As the matter is of such great interest to the well being and improvement of the city, it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

THE AMERICAN COAL WHARF.—The Committee on Public Property of the City Council met at the Auditor's office last night, all the members being present. It was finally determined to make all necessary repairs to the American coal wharf, at once, the material to be furnished and the work done by the persons heretofore contracted with.

A small colored boy named Bob Jones was run over by a cart at the Gas Works about four o'clock this evening and had his leg broken.

Several large droves of hogs were carried to Washington on the ferry boats this morning.

THE GOOD TEMPLARS.—Public meetings in the temperance interest were held at Brentsville, Prince William county, on Wednesday and Thursday last, by W. T. Stokes, State Lecturer.

Encouraging speeches, in response to calls, were made by Messrs. Charles E. Nicol, J. J. Davis, E. E. Meredith and Messrs. Thornton and Purcell.

A lodge was organized, with the following officers:—W. C. T. Maj. W. W. Thornton; W. V. I., Miss Ida Nicol; W. Chap., Miss Betty Woodard; W. S., John A. Nicol; W. F. S., W. W. Thornton, Jr.; W. T. C. E. Nicol; W. M., J. E. Smith; W. L. G., Miss L. L. L. S. Miss L. L. S. Miss L. L. S. Mrs. W. W. Thornton; L. D., C. E. Nicol.

Judge Nicol, amongst others, signified his intention of joining the Order.

A public meeting was held at Centerville on Saturday, where addresses were made by Messrs. Davis and Stokes.

SENATOR MEETING ON THE SILVER BILL.—An immense meeting of the friends of hard money and early resumption was held in Atlanta at the Opera House last night. The house was jammed from pit to dome, and great enthusiasm was manifested, as well as bitter opposition. Letters were read from Senator Hill, Congressman Chandler and Chief Justice Mower. They were all greeted with hearty applause. The following sentence from Mr. Hill awoke the echoes and stopped the proceedings for fully a minute: "I have no desire or ambition, but to serve the people who have honored me with this high position to the best of my abilities; but no amount of clamor, abuse or slander, foreign or domestic, can drive me one inch from the discharge of my duty known to be my duty." Ex-Senator Miller and Justice McWay addressed the meeting and made a profound impression.

When the resolutions were brought forward to be read an uproar was created and the meeting adjourned in confusion. The resolutions were neither put nor read. The confusion was terrible.

The human voice in its sweetness and purity is deliciously musical; with throat affliction and coughs it loses all attractions. Dr. Ball's Cough Syrup restores it when failing through coughs, colds, etc.

Mr. I. EICHBERG is meeting with the success he deserves in giving three per cent. of the gross amount of his sales to the poor of the city. This is an original and charitable enterprise of Mr. E. Eichberg and the sales of his extensive dry goods establishment are increasing daily.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, JAN. 29.
Sun rises..... 7 3 | Moon rises..... 3 18
Sun sets..... 4 57 | High water..... 0 00

SAILED.
Str. Ann Eliza, Philadelphia, by F. A. Reed.
Str. John R. Bodwell, Boston, by American Coal Co.

LYNNHAVEN BAY OYSTERS
RECEIVED FRESH THREE TIMES A WEEK.
AND SERVED STEAMED, STEWED, FRIED & RAW, at
GEO. STEUBENAGEL'S,
No. 20 N. Royal Street.

DIED FRUIT.
100 lbs UNPEELED PEACHES.
250 lbs APPLES. For sale by
Jan 29-1w THOMAS PERRY, Agent.

RECEIVED THIS DAY A FRESH LOT OF N. Y. STATE BEANS, B. E. PEAS AND HUNNUT'S PEARL HOMINY at
Jan 29 W. A. JOHNSON'S.

3 AND FIVE POUND BUCKETS OF P. T. GEORGE'S PURE LARD at
Jan 29 W. A. JOHNSON'S.

BARTLETT'S PEARL BLUE and Blackening for sale by
Jan 29 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

ITALIAN MACCARONI and Vermicelli; also American do., very cheap.
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GRAPE and CURRANT WINE at \$1.50 per gallon.
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MACCARONI, "La Favorita," for sale by
Jan 29 DAVY & HARMON.

SARDINES—A choice lot for sale by
Jan 29 DAVY & HARMON.

TAYLOR & CO'S CUT ORANGE, BON TON and LINDJIN CAKES. Best cake ever offered to the family trade. For sale by
Jan 29 GEO. MCBURNEY & SON.

AXLE GREASE! AXLE GREASE! 40 cases of AXLE GREASE, in store for sale in lots to suit the trade by
Jan 18 McLEAN & J. H. 107 King st.

CHOICE HAMS, Sugar Cured Shoulders, and Breakfast Bacon received and for sale at the very bottom price by
Jan 26 R. W. AVERY.

MESSINA ORANGES just received by
Jan 16 J. C. & E. MILBURN.

PRIME CRANBERRIES just received by
Jan 25 G. WM. RAMSAY.

From Washington.
(SPECIAL TO THE ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29.

SENATE.
The Senate, to day, was opened without prayer.

The usual number of petitions were presented against the reposition of the war tax on tea and coffee; for granting pension; in favor of woman suffrage; against any change in the tariff; for a commission to investigate the liquor traffic with a view to its suppression, &c.

Bills were introduced to make the 22d of February a legal holiday in the District of Columbia; and to repeal certain acts and parts of acts imposing a tax on Savings Banks.

The House joint resolution accepting from Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson Carpenter's picture of the signing by Lincoln of the emancipation proclamation, by the public presentation to take place on the 12th of February, was after an appeal by Mr. Howe, adopted—yeas 43, nays 7.

Mr. Edmunds non-concurred in the report recommending the acceptance, on the ground that it was not a proper picture for the capitol.

Mr. Withers, of Va., voted for the acceptance. Mr. Johnson did not vote though in his seat.

Mr. Edmunds introduced a resolution of enquiry as to whether any officer of the army has been appointed since July, 1866, in violation of the statutes.

Mr. Beck then called up his resolution restraining the Secretary of the Treasury from purchasing any more bonds for the sinking fund, and addressed the Senate in advocacy of the resolution, contending that more than one per cent of bonds had already been purchased, and that the excess should be applied to relieving the present financial troubles of the country instead of further burdening the people with the purpose of buying up more bonds at this time.

At the conclusion of his remarks the morning hour having expired,
The Senate resumed the consideration of the Bland Silver bill, and Mr. Wallace, of Pa., addressed the Senate in favor of the bill.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
In the House of Representatives Mr. Butler presented the petition of sundry ministers of the gospel of Massachusetts, in opposition to the passage of the Silver bill and read from the 13th to the 17th verses of the 2d chapter of St. John as a comment.

Mr. Luttrell presented a petition from California against Chinese immigration.

A bill was reported authorizing the employment by the Secretary of the Treasury of additional clerks in that Department.

The question of the enforcement of the rules against the admission to the floor of so many unauthorized persons, occupied much time, many members participating in the discussion of the question. Mr. Pridemore, of Va., insisted that the constituents of members ought to be admitted and that to have them around a great relief, especially during the consideration of the financial question.

A resolution for a strict enforcement of the rules in reference to admission to the floor was then adopted by a vote of 154 to 92, all the Virginia delegates voting in the negative, but Mr. Cabell.

The committee's were then called for reports of a private character, under which a number of bills were brought in and referred to the private calendar.

SUBSIDIES.
The vote in the House yesterday upon the question of granting subsidies to railroads and other corporations. Against subsidies, 175; for subsidies, 82; not voting, 35. On the question Messrs. Cabell, Jorgenson and Pridemore voted against, and Messrs. Goode, Hutton and Tucker in favor of subsidies. Mr. Harris was paired, and Messrs. Douglas and Walker were absent.

SILVER.
The vote in the House yesterday upon the Matthews remonetizing silver resolutions resulted in their passage by over a two thirds majority, viz: 189 for and 79 against; not voting, 24. Messrs. Cabell, Goode, Hutton, Pridemore and Tucker voted in the affirmative and Mr. Jorgenson in the negative. Mr. Harris was paired and would have voted yes. Messrs. Walker and Douglas were absent.

NOTES.
Mr. Crockett has not been in his seat in the Senate for two days. It is said he is preparing a speech on the silver bill.

Mr. Allison is offering an amendment in the Senate to the silver bill, looking to the holding an international monetary convention to fix a common ratio of value of silver. This is not to interfere with the passage of the bill, however, as the conference would be held at once and under the provisions of the bill.

The House has determined to abolish the evil of admitting all sorts of people on the floor—especially lobbyists. The only trouble is that the rule will not be observed very long.

COMMERCIAL.
ALEXANDRIA MARKET, JANUARY 29, 1878.
There is no change to note in Flour. Wheat is a shade higher, and a few sales were made at 133 and 135; receipts have increased, and the offerings amounted to 1000 bushels, with other sales at 124 and 125. Corn is weaker and lower, and 900 bushels sold at 52 and 53. Several offerings of Rye and Oats were withdrawn, and no sales reported.

BALTIMORE CATTLE MARKET, JAN. 25.
Best Cattle—Prices to-day ranged as follows: Best Boones..... 4 87 a 5 75
Generally rated best quality..... 4 00 a 4 75
Medium or good fair quality..... 3 00 a 4 00
Ordinary thin Steers, Oxen and Cows..... 2 50 a 3 00
Extremes of prices..... 2 50 a 5 75
Most of the sales were from..... 3 75 a 4 02
Total receipts for the week 1141 head. Total sales for the week 1141 head.

The market was slow again this week, but a trade in cattle was made. The sales were a shade higher, but only for top cattle, which were rather scarce, the offerings consisting very largely of medium and common cattle. Very few were left over unsold. We quote 250 a 75 lbs. Most of the sales were from..... 3 75 a 4 02
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Hogs.—The run this week is lighter even than last week, which was only moderate and prices in consequence were higher and firmer, sales ranging at 64 to 64 cents, but for better quality the former quotation, most sales ranging at 52 a 64 cents but very few extra quality bring 64 cents per lb. net very readily. The quality was fully as good as it was last week and the market closed firm. Receipts of the week 492 head.

Sheep.—The run is very light this week, and the quality fair. Prices in trade of the very light run, are higher, and view more active, the receipts being scarcely equal to the wants of butchers. We quote at 4 50 a 5 00 per head gross. Receipts this week 907 head.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 29.—Va. G. deferred 4; do. consolidated, 66; do. 2d series 40 bid to-day. Cotton quiet; middling 42 a 40. Flour dull, steady and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady. Southern and Western quiet and steady. Southern steady and unchanged. Rye dull and steady at 64 a 64 cents. Coffee dull and unchanged. Whiskey steady at \$1 07.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Stocks more active, but lower. Money 6 7/8. Gold 104. Flour dull and declining. Wheat rather more steady. Corn without material change.

2 HDS SHOULDER BACON purchased at the recent decline, for sale low by
Jan 29 W. A. JOHNSON.

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